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REMARKS

New claims 28-31 have been added. Claims 1-31 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 6, 15, 20, 23-24, and 27 have been currently amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interviews held on June 19, 2003 and July 9, 2003. Pending and elected independent claims 1, 10, 11, 23, 24 and 25 and the cited art to Nakagawa (6,274,907) and Koo (5,959,879) were discussed. Applicant noted that the art as cited did not teach the combination of elements recited in the independent claims and it is believed that agreement was reached that the claims were in patentable form. Applicant has made minor amendments to elected claims 1, 20 and 23-24 that were not discussed in the interviews. These amendments were not made in response to any rejections. These amendments were made to clarify or to correct minor informalities in the claims.

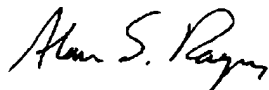
Applicant has added new claims 28-31. New claims 28-30 are independent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 28-30 are generic to at least species I and III. Claim 6 was amended and depends from claim 28. Claims 7-9 depend from claim 6. Claim 15 was amended and depends from claim 29. Claims 16-17 depend from claim 15. Claim 27 was amended and depends from claim 30. Claims 6, 15, 17 and 27 were also amended for clarity (not in response to any rejections). Dependent claim 31 depends from claim 23.

Applicant also notes that non-elected claim 4 depends from claim 1, non-elected claims 12-14 depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 11, non-elected claims 21-22 depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 15.

In view of the above, applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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